

## THE PLACE "PINCHECO"

Where It Is and What It Is—"Pincheco" Ancient and Modern—A History of Crimes.

(Calfax in Owensboro Inquirer.)  
Recently I have read several attempts to describe the land of Pincheco, and there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the location of famous Pincheco. Pincheco has always been somewhat like the milk sickness was fifty years ago—always "just over yonder," the inquirer never finding the exact location; therefore I shall try to locate it as accurately as it is possible to be done.

From the information I can get, the careful investigation, it is located in portions of Ohio, Breckinridge and Hancock counties, the latter portion in Hancock county. It consists of about ten square miles, and is of a Republican complexion politically, that party having a decided majority of the voters. But Pincheco proper comprises about five square miles within the center of the larger boundary, and within which smaller territory some atrocious deeds have been committed.

About the year 1850 Reuben Martin was assassinated by some unknown person. The assassin shot through a window of Mr Martin's home, instantly killing his victim. Martin was the owner of several slaves, and it is supposed that one of his slaves murdered him. There were suspicions against a certain neighbor but there was not evidence sufficient to warrant an arrest and trial, hence the matter dropped and nobody was ever arrested or prosecuted for the crime.

In 1880 two of the Rusher boys, sons of Henry Rusher, were shot and killed by James Rogers, after a considerable battle. It appears that the Rusher boys had cut down a "bee tree" on Rogers' land without his consent, resulting in the duel which ended fatally to the Rushers. Rogers was arrested and put under bond for his appearance for trial. He fled to parts unknown and was never apprehended.

In 1885 an old man of the name of Burns, who was an old bachelor, lived alone in a little house on the old site of Victoria. He had accumulated a few dollars. One night James Smith, Miles Chana or coffee, and two others, whose name no one in the vicinity seems now to remember, decoyed Burns from his cabin and murdered him outright. Then they robbed his house of his money. Chana or Coffee was arrested, tried and convicted, and sent to the state prison for life. James Smith and two others alleged to have been implicated in the crime were chased to Eastern Kentucky by the officers of Hancock county, but failed to overtake them, and the criminals made good their escape.

In 1887 Pincheco was startled by the murder of Isom Anderson, who was decoyed to the home of his brother-in-law, and engaged in a difficulty with his father-in-law, and a neighbor named Rusher. They slew him and planned to put his body away in a manner to escape detection, but in this they were frustrated by being discovered. The inquest indicated that the murder was committed by Smith, Rusher, Holder and Polly

Holder. At the final trial Smith, Holder and Rusher were convicted and given sentences to the state prison.

In 1892 another Pincheco citizen, named Cartwright, was murdered by some unknown person. Suspicion pointed to a young man named Tierney. He was arrested and taken to Cloverport. While the examining trial was in progress everybody present was startled when Neal Burk appeared in court and confessed to the killing of Cartwright. He claimed that he did it in self-defense, and as there was no evidence to the contrary, both Tierney and Burk were released, and there was never any further legal proceedings in the case.

On Christmas eve, in the year 1900, an old man named McCarven was murdered. An investigation developed the fact that the crime was committed by the Burk boys. Two of them were convicted and sent to the penitentiary for a term of years and have since been released before the expiration of their sentence, but their freedom depends upon their good behavior.

In July, 1892, Rollie Sanders was shot and killed by a man named McQuithie at a picnic in the Pincheco neighborhood. The prosecution could not overthrow the plea of self-defense, and McQuithie went free.

In 1903 the famous Lincoln Smith, of Pincheco, was shot and killed by Tom Keown, the marshal of the town of Fordsville, Ky. Smith resisted arrest and would have killed Keown if the latter had not been too quick for Smith. The killing occurred on an Illinois Central train.

All these murders were committed in Pincheco proper, and there have been many other minor crimes committed within the same territory, such as cuttings and shootings, and regular "knock-down and drag-out" fights. It has always been a common saying that when a picnic was advertised in Pincheco that the posters say, "fighting will begin promptly at 2 p. m.," and whether the advertisements contain such statement or not, that it is the usual hour at which fighting begins at Pincheco picnic. As recent as ten years ago fighting at barbecues, picnics and social gatherings, was as common as cornbread on the tables of the Pincheco people, and some times the fighters would cut and shoot to hurt. Some would cut with knives and shoot with pistols, while others would cut for home and shoot under the bed to get out of danger.

The foregoing describes Pincheco as it was in the past. It was what is known to the natives as "Ancient Pincheco." The Pincheco of the present and the past few years, or "Modern Pincheco," as it is known, is situated in the same territory as "Ancient Pincheco," and has as fine a people, as good citizens, as industrious and honest men, as beautiful and virtuous women as any spot on earth. The fighters have all been killed, died of natural causes, moved to other counties, or reformed, and the vicinity has undergone a complete change.

"Modern Pincheco" is now dotted with churches and school-houses. The gospel is preached from the hilltops, and the educational spirit is prevalent. Christianity and good citizenship now characterize the inhabitants of "Modern Pincheco."

### Pointed Paragraphs.

(From the Chicago Daily News.)  
Little acts of kindness always come home to roost.  
Most men think it is all up with them when they are down.  
A pretty girl looks more so when the right man tells her so.

## A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

RELATING TO AFFAIRS IN THIS AND ADJOINING STATES.

**Man Who Killed His Brother Claims Just Provocation—General Harris Dead—John Allen's Will Can't Be Found—Powers Case Postponed.**

Richmond, Ky., Oct. 1.—The examining trial of Nathan H. Tudor, charged with the killing of his brother Marion last Thursday night, occurred before Judge N. B. Turpin. Tudor's statement follows: "My brother came home from Richmond greatly under the influence of whiskey. He wanted to use a horse that had been driven all day, and I objected. I went to turn the horse into a pasture, and when I returned my wife told me he made indecent proposals to her. I grasped my gun and ordered him to leave. He then threatened me with a knife, when I shot him." Judge Turpin allowed Tudor to go without bond. His case, however, will be referred to the grand jury this week.

**He Fought "Mit Sigel."**  
Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 2.—General Thomas M. Harris, 93, brigadier general in the Union army during the rebellion, and brevet major general, died at his home at Harrisville after a month's illness. With his regiment he served with General Commander Franz Sigel, and subsequently as a brigadier and division commander under Sheridan in the valley, and finally was transferred with his division to Grant's army in front of Richmond. At Appomattox he was directly in front of Lee's advance line and on him was allotted the task of silencing the last battery that General Lee ever placed in position.

**Searching For Will.**  
Lexington, Ky., Oct. 1.—Efforts to locate the will of the late John Allen so far proved a failure, and much anxiety is felt by relatives of the deceased. Allen was an uncle of James Lane Allen, the noted author, and left an estate valued at about \$75,000. The will was drawn three years ago. It is believed by some of the relatives that the document is in a private box at a bank, but without an order from court it is impossible for the box to be examined.

**Hindman Let Out.**  
New York, Oct. 5.—Biscio Hindman of Louisville, Ky., general agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company for Tennessee and Kentucky, was dismissed from the service of that company. The announcement was made after a meeting of the committee on insurance and agencies. Hindman is a candidate for trustee on the "selected fusion ticket."

**Jumped the Track.**  
Louisville, Ky., Oct. 5.—Three persons were injured when the fast night express of the L. & N. railroad from Cincinnati jumped the track at Linden, Ky. The engine and mail car went into the ditch. None of the injured, who are trainmen, was seriously hurt, while the passengers escaped with a fright and shaking up.

**Powers Case Postponed.**  
Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 3.—The case of Caleb Powers, under sentence of death for the assassination of Governor William Goebel in January, 1900, was passed to the February term by agreement of counsel. Powers has been tried three times, being sentenced to life imprisonment twice and to death once.

**Leaped Into River.**  
Cincinnati, O., Oct. 3.—An unknown white man, fairly well dressed, deliberately jumped from a skiff into the Ohio river and was drowned. The body was swept away by the swollen stream. A coat and hat were found in the boat, but all marks that might have led to his identity had been obliterated.

**Jockey Killed.**  
Louisville, Ky., Oct. 5.—B. Miller, who had the mount on Dresden, fell and several horses ran over him. His skull was crushed and he bit his tongue in half. He was taken to a hospital, where he died. It was his first mount since he was suspended at Douglas park. He was 19 years old.

**Suicided at Wife's Side.**  
Greensburg, Ky., Oct. 1.—Frank Marshall, a farmer on Coal Branch, shot himself through the heart in the same room with his wife, who is dying of consumption. Marshall came here from Elliott county a year ago and purchased a large farm. He was despondent several months.

**Tobacco Barn Burned.**  
Mt. Sterling, Ky., Oct. 1.—The large tobacco barn on J. M. Bluff's farm, near Springfield, was burned to the ground with about 5,000 pounds of tobacco. Loss \$1,500, with no insurance.

**County Voted Dry.**  
Carlisle, Ky., Oct. 1.—By a majority of 811 Nicholas county goes dry. The temperance people are jubilant.

**Aliens Exiled.**  
Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5.—Bruno Trevino, Carlos Humbert Learnedo Vallrell, Juan Garcia, Rubio Antonio and Joaquin Puentes, alleged Mexican revolutionists, were taken to Nogales and forced across the border by immigration authorities. A force of Mexican rural guards in waiting arrested them the moment they crossed the line. The men were handcuffed together and taken to the Mexican prison. The prisoners were deported on the finding of authorities at Washington that they were alien immigrants. All six were alleged to be prominent in revolutionary plots to take an armed force into Mexico and start an uprising.

## JUMPED BAIL.

Dealer in White Slaves Failed to Appear in Court.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 5.—Alfred Maurey, accused of being one of a gang of men banded together for the purpose of abducting and importing French girls into this country for immoral purposes, forfeited \$5,000 bail in the federal court here when he failed to appear for trial. The authorities of northern California, Mexico and Arizona have been notified to look out for the fugitive. Advice from Johannesburg, South Africa, state that Maurey jumped his bond there in a similar manner some time ago while facing like charges. Victoria Jolly, a French girl, the principal witness against Maurey, and who was held in the county jail awaiting his trial, was released.

**Vacancy on Supreme Bench.**  
Washington, Oct. 3.—The president will not make an appointment to fill the vacancy on the bench of the supreme court of the United States until the reassembling of congress in December. Secretary Taft has been offered the position and has had the question of accepting or declining under consideration some time. The president stated that he would gladly appoint Attorney General Moody, who is soon to retire from the cabinet, to the vacancy, but realizes that objection would follow because Massachusetts is already represented on the supreme bench in the person of Justice Holmes.

**Riot at Mobile.**  
Mobile, Ala., Oct. 3.—Roy Hoyle, a special officer of the Mobile & Ohio railroad and one of the most widely known and best liked railroad men in this vicinity, was fatally shot, and Sidney Lyons, chairman of the city council of Mobile, was wounded in the hand during a fight at the county jail between deputy sheriffs and a crowd of men determined to capture Dick Robinson, 17, a negro. The mob is hunting the negro, and will lynch him if captured. The negro attacked Ruth, the 12-year-old daughter of Blount Sessaman, who lives about three miles from here.

**Currency Proposition.**  
New York, Oct. 5.—Either a central bank of issue to be established and controlled by the government or a simple measure enlarging the present note issue privilege of national banks in such a manner that their right of issue shall not vary with the ownership of United States bonds, are the methods favored by the special currency commission appointed by the New York chamber of commerce last March to inquire into the condition of the currency and suggest desirable changes. The report was submitted at a meeting of the chamber of commerce.

**More Whisky Than Needed.**  
Washington, Oct. 5.—The commissioner of internal revenue received a letter from Henry Scott, executive officer of the San Francisco relief and Red Cross fund, stating that the committee has a large supply of whisky on hand which is of no value for relief purposes, and which it wishes to sell without taking out a special wholesale liquor dealer's license. The commissioner decided that under the act of 1879 the committee may sell these spirits in one parcel only, or at public auction in not less than 20 gallons, without the payment of special tax.

**Will Appeal to Diaz.**  
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 5.—Richardson, Mason and Harle, the three Americans sentenced to be shot at Chihuahua for murdering victims to collect life insurance, will appeal to President Diaz for executive clemency and will be given time to hear from him. The date for their execution is not known. Executions in Mexico are always kept secret, no date being announced. The officer commanding the guard receives a sealed envelope to be opened at a certain date, and in this envelope he finds directions as to execution of prisoners named within.

**President's Pennsylvania Trip.**  
Washington, Oct. 5.—President Roosevelt returned to Washington not in the least wearied by his day in Pennsylvania and expressed great satisfaction with the large crowds which listened to him at Harrisburg and York in spite of the rains which prevailed at both places. At Harrisburg the president spoke at the dedication of Pennsylvania's new statehouse, which cost about \$13,000,000. Senators Knox and Penrose, who accompanied the president from Washington, remained at Harrisburg.

**No Indictment.**  
Bedford, Ind., Oct. 4.—The Lawrence county grand jury filed its report and was discharged after three weeks' continuous labor. Among the cases considered was the attempt to connect Ernest Tankley with the Sarah Schaffer murder mystery, in which 40 witnesses were examined, but no indictment was found.

**Vermont's New Governor.**  
Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 5.—Fletcher D. Proctor was inaugurated governor of Vermont. Governor Bell's farewell message declared the conviction that capital punishment should be retained, and that laws should make it certain that all diseased cattle be slaughtered and buried or burned immediately.

**Magnetic Pole Located.**  
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 5.—Captain Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest passage, arrived from Sitka. He went to the Alaskan city to verify his calculations regarding the location of the magnetic pole, and his work was successful.

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